

CHRISTCHURCH
TOWN HALL

Officially opened, September
30th 1972 by His Excellency
the Governor General Sir
Denis Blundell G.C.M.G.,
G.C.V.O., K.B.E.

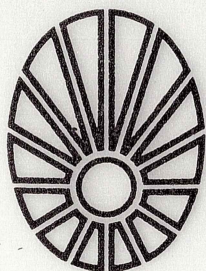
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- Christchurch City Council
- Heathcote County Council
- Lyttelton Borough Council
- Paparua County Council
- Riccarton Borough Council
- Waimairi County Council

by the Christchurch Town Hall
Board of Management.
Chairman — H. G. Hay

Christchurch Town Hall



Situated beside the river Avon in the very heart of the Garden City of Christchurch, this splendid Town Hall and Theatre complex provides convention and conference facilities as good, if not better, than anything in the Southern Hemisphere.

In its relatively short history, it has already staged some magnificent shows and many international conventions. Great world artists who have already appeared on the Town Hall stage include, Yehudi Menuhin, Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, the Cleveland Orchestra, David Frost, Cilla Black, the Warsaw Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra, Harry Secombe, and many more. These performers without exception, have been lavish in their praise of the quality and facilities of the whole complex.





Conferences and Conventions.

As a Conference and Convention Centre, the Christchurch Town Hall Complex really comes into its own.

Close by are several hotels and motels of international standard and because Christchurch is a compact, easy access city, the international airport is literally a few minutes' drive away. Probably nowhere in the world can you find such a perfect setting for conferences and conventions.

The imposing entrance and foyer provides a common entry core to all the facilities within the complex and a central counter serves light

snacks during the day and also evenings when performances are scheduled.

Full hire of this area is available for balls, large social occasions, exhibitions.

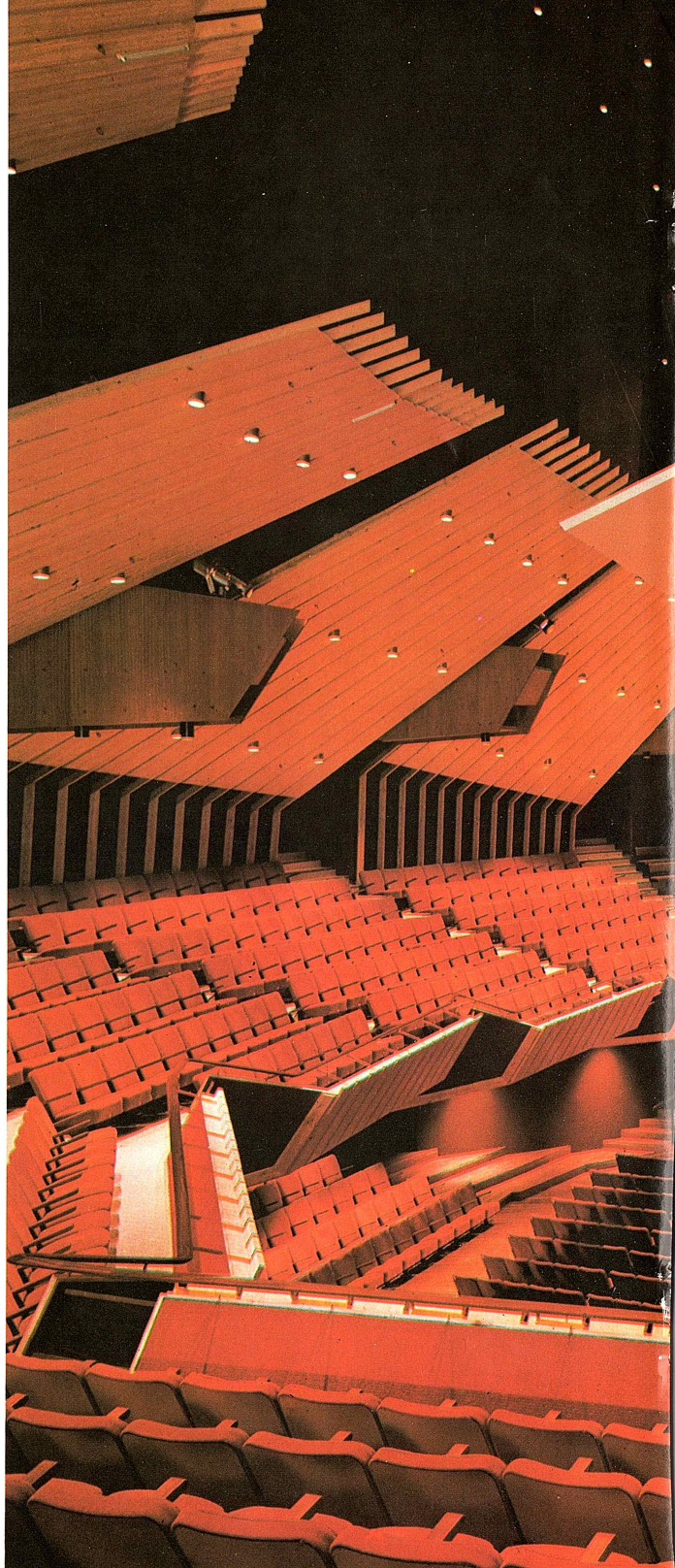


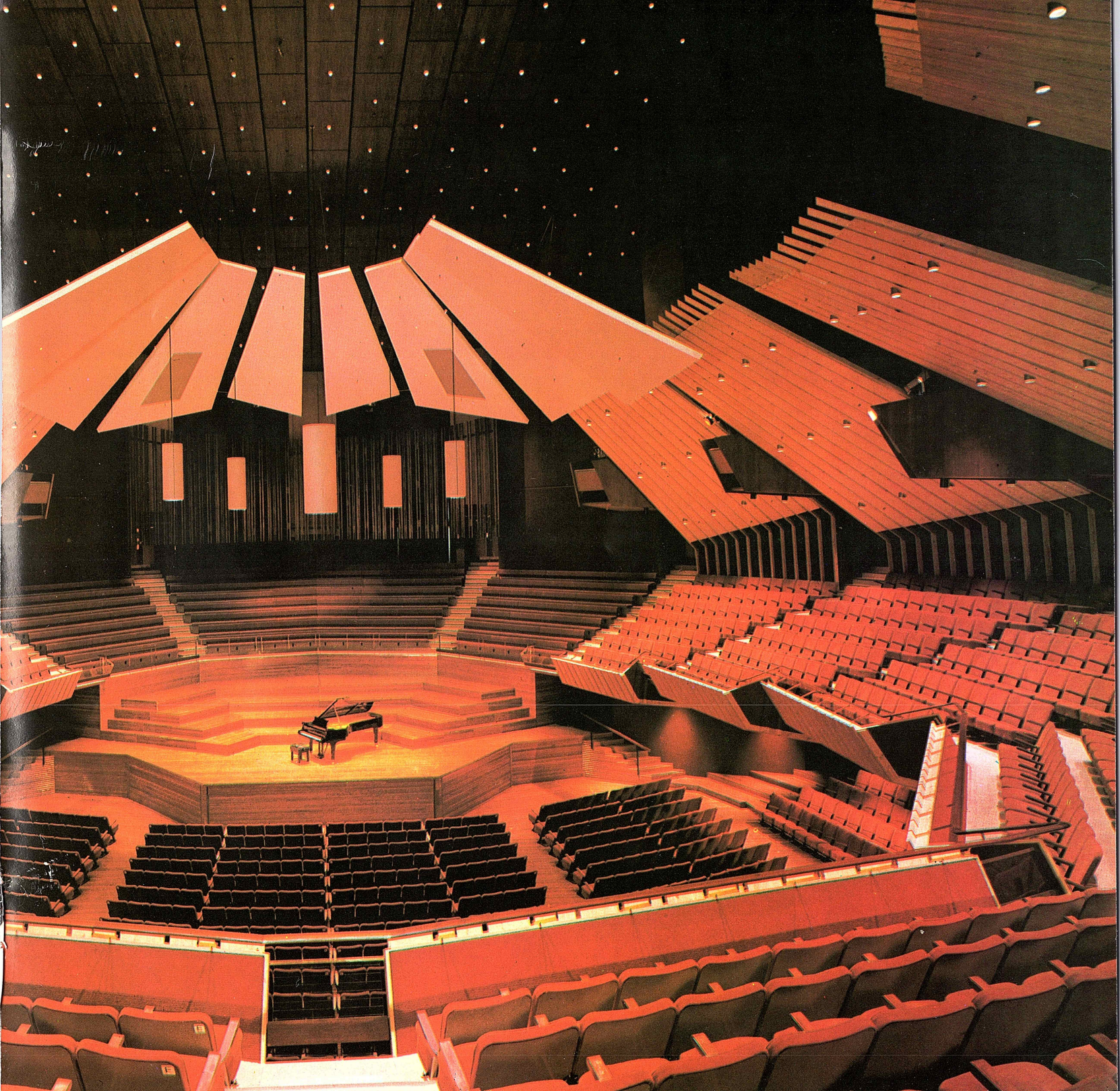
The Cascade Restaurant. The more intimate atmosphere of the luxuriously appointed Cascade Restaurant will appeal to many. With a dining capacity for 120 people and fully licensed, it is situated on the ground floor with glorious views overlooking the pool, the river and the spectacular Ferrier Fountain. As well as evening and late night dining the Cascade Restaurant serves Smorgasbord and Grill lunches.

The fountain was donated by C. J. C. Ferrier Esq.O.B.E. & Mrs Ferrier.



The Auditorium The Town Hall proper is elliptical in plan with two levels of tiered seating surrounding a level central floor and the orchestral stage. Primarily a symphony concert hall the design enables a great variety of public assembly purposes. The Auditorium seats an audience of 2327, a choir of 400 and the stage area accommodates an orchestra of 120 players. The acoustic qualities are of top world class standard and have won an international reputation for the Auditorium. Encircling the main auditorium are two levels of promenade foyers.

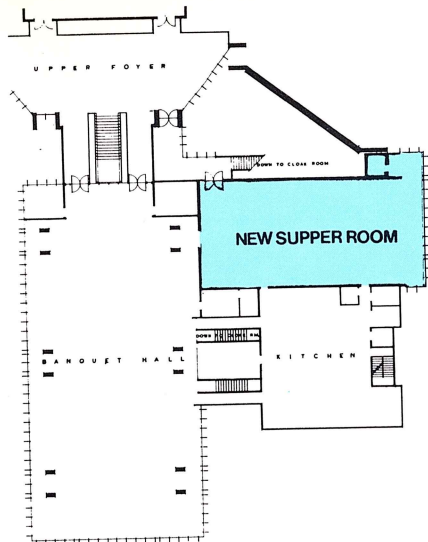




The James Hay Theatre. The James Hay Theatre is named after the late Sir James Hay O.B.E.

This impressive theatre/concert chamber has a unique 'fan shaped' auditorium so designed with a total capacity of 1,000 seats. The theatre is best suited to intimate recitals, conferences and seminars as well as live theatrical productions. Full dressing facilities and scenery storage areas are located immediately behind the stage making this probably the best equipped theatre of its kind in the country.

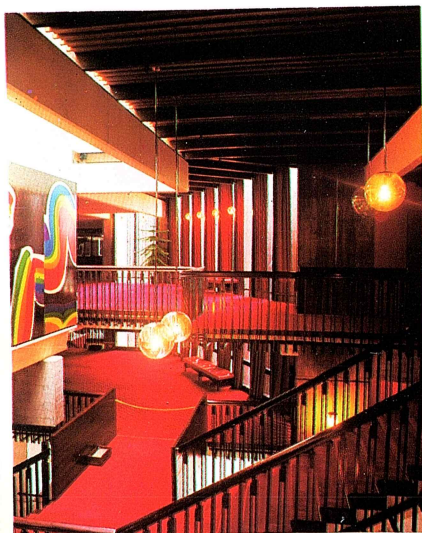




New Supper Room.

A 230 square metre luxuriously carpeted space now under construction. The new supper room will be linked to the Limes Room and is due for completion in early 1976.

This area will be available in conjunction with the Limes Room or available for hire separately embracing a fully automatic service lift from ground level which will provide access to the area for exhibition equipment.



The Limes Room. The Limes Room is a truly magnificent hall capable of seating 450 people in comfort. Ideally suited for conferences, balls, and wedding breakfasts, full bar facilities are available. Complete catering arrangements can be made with the management at all times. A superb parquet wooden floor enables the room to be quickly converted into a dance floor. A permanent sound system is installed for use at all functions if required.

Catering: A resident caterer provides a service to all areas of the Complex. A wide selection of menus is offered and the caterer will meet the clients' requirements no matter the size or type of function.

Facilities

The Auditorium

A stereo Sound system has been installed and complete broadcasting and television facilities are incorporated. The Management should be consulted if it is intended to record programmes from the Auditorium. Theatrical lighting is available to feature soloists. An apron stage can be used to increase the stage area to 185.80 sq. metres. A large Choir Assembly area, Soloists Rooms, an Orchestra assembly area and instrument storage rooms as

well as two rehearsal rooms are available.

James Hay Theatre

Stereo sound reinforcement facilities are incorporated in the theatre together with composite theatrical lighting control equipment. Stage drapes and backcloths are installed. An apron stage can be utilised or this can be lowered to provide an orchestra pit. Backstage accommodation includes "star" dressing rooms complete with showers, assembly areas for cast, conductor's room, wardrobe room and orchestra changing room.

The Limes Room

Kitchen and bar facilities are incorporated into the area

making this a self-contained venue. A parquet wooden floor enables the room to be converted to a dance floor. A permanent sound system is installed.

Chairs and tables are provided and positioned to suit the function.

The Conference Room

This sound-proof room has 250 chairs available and has a sound system permanently installed. Layout of seating and tables will be to the satisfaction of the hirer.

Entrance Foyer

The Town Hall operates its own box office facilities which must be used for all functions being held in the complex, to which it is intended to have paid admissions.

Supper Room (opened 1976) luxuriously carpeted area complete with a dance floor on 230 sq. metres adjoining the Limes Room and associated

General

Hire rates include electricity, power, heating and air conditioning to all areas.

Conducted Tours

Depart main foyer weekly (morning) for complete inspection of facilities when under hire. Special parties by arrangement.

for further information

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